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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 111**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated October 14, 2009 the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.